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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE FROM HARROP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, OTRA (MOOSE, RICHARD M.)

SUBJECT: BILATERAL MEETINGS IN NAIROBI

1. IN ADDITION TO GUIDANCE YOU ARE RECEIVING SEPARATELY
REGARDING TALKS ON THE NAMIBIA QUESTION, SUGGEST THAT
YOU TRY TO SEE THE FOLLOWING AFRICAN LEADERS FOR
BILATERAL TALKS:

-- ETHIOPIA: BERHANU BAYEH, DIRG OFFICIAL IN CHARGE
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IF INDEED HE COMES TO THE FUNERAL.
BAYEH IS THE MAN BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER FELEKE AND
CHAIRMAN MENGISTU ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS AND COULD
HELP US ON COMPENSATION. CHAPIN REPORTS BY GREEN PHONE
THAT POLITICAL SITUATION IS OBSCURE AND FLUID IN
ADDIS WITH RUMORS OF A POWER CONFRONTATION IMMINENT
WITHIN DIRG. CHAPIN HAS ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT COMPENSATION
QUESTION SHOULD COME BEFORE MENGISTU SHORTLY, FOR WHAT
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THAT IS WORTH.

-- ANGOLA: IF NETO, NASCIMENTO, MPLA SEC GEN FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS LUVUALU, FOREIGN MINISTER JORGE OR
AN OFFICIAL OF EQUIVALENT RANK ATTENDS, YOU WILL WANT TO
SEEK CONFIRMATION OF THE MESSAGE NETO PASSED TO PRESIDENT

CARTER VIA MOBUTU DURING HIS (NETO'S) VISIT TO KINSHASA. YOU MIGHT ALSO RAISE THE QUESTION OF SWAPO'S INTENTIONS.

-- SIERRA LEONE: PRESIDENT STEVENS IS STILL SLATED TO BE IN NAIROBI. YOU AND/OR ANDY SHOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE AS OUTLINED IN YOUR BRIEFING MATERIALS. MCHENRY SAYS SITUATION IN COMMITTEE OF 24 IS NOT AT ALL PROMISING. SIERRA LEONE PERMREP IS CALLING ON MCHENRY TOMORROW. INSTRUCTIONS FROM STEVENS MIGHT HELP. VOTE COULD COME AT ANY TIME.

2. YOU HAVE AS MUCH AS WE DO ON RHODESIA AND WE HAVE NO SPECIAL GUIDANCE.

3. NEW SUBJECT: MATHERON WOULD BE PLEASED BY POSSIBLE REASSIGNMENT YOU SUGGESTED AND READY TO LEAVE AT SHORT NOTICE IF IT GOES THROUGH. CHRISTOPHER

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